

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDEV, WA, SF  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA : VORSTER'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS

REF: A) CAPE TOWN 818, B) CAPE TOWN 821

1. ON APRIL 25, AFTER READING HIS STATEMENT ACCEPTING THE  
WESTERN PROPOSAL, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER REPORTEDLY TOLD  
THE PRESS:

" I WISH TO SAY SOUTH WEST AFRICA HAS BEHAVED IN A  
VERY RESPONSIBLE MANNER AND SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT BE FAULTED  
FOR THE REASONABLE MANNER IN WHICH IT HAS APPROACHED THIS  
MATTER. SOUTH WEST AFRICA CAN HAVE THE ASSURANCE IN THIS  
DOCUMENT THAT ITS SAFETY WILL NOT BE IN JEOPARDY."

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2. EMPHASISING THAT THE REDUCTION OF TROOPS COULD ONLY  
FOLLOW A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, HE SAID: "IT  
STANDS TO REASON THERE WILL HAVE TO BE PEACE THROUGHOUT  
THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. IF PEACE IS BROKEN, THEN THE  
NECESSARY STEPS CAN AND WILL BE TAKEN."

3. HE ADDED THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
REALLY WANTED PEACE IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA, THEN THE WAY WAS  
OPEN TO ACHIEVE IT. " I SEE NOT A SINGLE REASON WHY THE  
TERRITORY CANNOT BECOME INDEPENDENT BY THE END OF  
THE YEAR," HE REPORTEDLY SAID.  
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